



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

Place Based Opportunities Board

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Place Based Opportunities Board was set up between public sector partners to promote cross partner working and investigate opportunities across the city to develop a coordinated asset-based approach to the delivery of public services and place making.
- 1.2 As new governance structures involving partners, such as the Climate Strategy Infrastructure Investment Programme Board and 20 Minute Neighbourhood Programme Board, begin to emerge to tackle recovery priorities across the city, a review of how the activity of the Place Based Opportunities Board aligns to the new structures is proposed.
- 1.3 The views of the Edinburgh Partnership are a vital part of the review and will help shape the final proposals.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to:
 - i. Consider ways to appropriately merge the work of the Place Based Opportunities Board with the new emerging governance structures.
 - ii. Request a further report to a future meeting which reflects on the considerations of the Edinburgh Partnership and other stakeholders and presents recommendations for future governance of strategic partnership place making activity.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 The Place Based Opportunities Board was established in 2019 between partner agencies to work together to deliver outcome driven, place making opportunities that join up service delivery between strategic partners. The Board is chaired by the Council's Chief Executive and brings together senior representatives from partner organisations to consider public sector co-ordination of land, property and wider place-based investment opportunities.
- 3.2 The Scottish Futures Trust, Police Scotland, NHS Lothian, the Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Fire Scotland, the Ministry of Defence and further and higher education providers are all involved in the partnership along with the Council and the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership. The work of the group has helped to shape policy, guide the planning and development of key sites across the city and begin to see community facilities

emerge from which service integration across public sector organisations is delivering on the ambition for 20 minute neighbourhoods.

- 3.3 At the outset, the following themes for action were agreed:
- Our challenge - We need to work together more efficiently;
 - Our Ambitions - A City working smarter and planning for success;
 - Our City - A successful place with an affordable ease of living;
 - Our success - A highly effective mechanism for up front conversations;
 - Our approach - Unlock the issues which drive behaviours;
 - The Way Forward - We will bring together partners and move at pace
- 3.4 The board identified initial projects or areas where they could have an influence and agreed there were many other opportunities afforded by the building of new learning hubs and strategic land releases, such as former hospital sites. As a result, there are a significant number of investment projects across the city where these organisations are working in partnership to improve service integration or bring forward whole place investment strategies.
- 3.5 The activities of the board have been affected by the COVID pandemic although progress in the initial areas identified has been achieved. Examples of the partners working together to improve service delivery are the plans for a new Maybury Primary School and GP surgery, the creation of opportunities for integration of services in the Castlebrae, Currie, Liberton, Trinity and Wester Hailes secondary school replacement projects and progress with multi service infrastructure projects in other areas of the city.
- 3.6 Recently the partners involved in the Place Based Opportunities Board have become involved in the wider governance structures established for the Climate Strategy Infrastructure Investment Programme Board and the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Programme Board. Due to this there is currently an opportunity to consider how the strategic partner governance arrangements can be merged and improved in the future. It is recommended that the Edinburgh Partnership consider and discuss these opportunities and that a paper with final proposals is returned to a future meeting for consideration.

4. Contact

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